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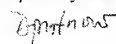
**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT and
ELECTION OF SPECIES**

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on August 9, 2007, Applicants respectfully elect to initially prosecute claims 1-22 of Group II, without traverse. Applicants further elect Species b depicted in Figs. 7a-7e and designate claims 1-22 as reading on the elected species.

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